

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A document management system for limiting user access to a registered document, comprising:

a first storage means for registering a document to be accessed; and

a second storage means for registering access controlling information including a specific character string and identification data,

wherein said identification access controlling information including at least specific data is added to said a document to be registered and said document to be registered is registered, when if said document to be registered includes said specific data character string, and

access to said document is limited in accordance with contents of the added said access controlling information, when the access to said document is thereafter requested, if said document contains said added identification data.

2. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 1, wherein said access controlling information further includes ~~not only said specific data but~~ information indicating how the access to said document is limited and, when the access to said document is requested, the access it is defined by referring to said ~~information,~~ information indicating how the access is limited.

3. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 1, wherein it is defined whether or not said ~~the document to be registered~~ includes said specific data character string at any one of a time when said document is registered, a time when said access controlling information is registered, ~~time when said access controlling information is registered,~~ and a time when the access to said document is ~~request~~ requested.

4. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 1, wherein said access controlling information further includes information to specify a person to be permitted to access with limitation.

5. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 1, wherein said access controlling information further includes a valid term ~~in~~ during which the access is limited.
6. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 1, wherein said access controlling information is provided in a single record comprising a plurality of fields, ~~includes~~ including ID information for identifying ~~specifying~~ said record, and said ~~record~~ ID information is added to the document ~~by~~ for relating said ~~ID~~ access controlling information to the document.
7. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 5, wherein said access controlling information is provided in a single record comprising a plurality of fields, ~~includes~~ including ID information for identifying ~~specifying~~ said record, and said ~~record~~ ID information is added to the document ~~by~~ for relating said ~~ID~~ access controlling information to the document.
8. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 4, wherein said access controlling information is provided in a single record comprising a plurality of fields, ~~includes~~ including ID information for identifying ~~specifying~~ said record, and said ~~record~~ ID information is added to the document ~~by~~ for relating said ~~ID~~ access controlling information to the document.
9. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 4, wherein said access controlling information further includes a valid term ~~in~~ during which the access is limited.
10. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 3, wherein said access controlling information is provided in a single record comprising a plurality of fields, ~~includes~~ including ID information for identifying ~~specifying~~ said record, and said ~~record~~ ID information is added to the document ~~by~~ for relating said ~~ID~~ access controlling information to the document.

11. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 3, wherein said access controlling information further includes a valid term ~~in~~ during which the access is limited.

12. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 3, wherein said access controlling information further includes information to specify a person to be permitted to access with limitation.

13. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 2, wherein said access controlling information is provided in a single record comprising a plurality of fields, ~~includes~~ including ID information for identifying ~~specifying~~ said record, and said ~~record~~ ID information is added to the document ~~by~~ for relating said ~~ID~~ access controlling information to the document.

14. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 2, wherein said access controlling information further includes a valid term ~~in~~ during which the access is limited.

15. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 2, wherein said access controlling information further includes information to specify a person to be permitted to access with limitation.

16. (Currently Amended) A document management system according to Claim 2, wherein it is defined whether or not said ~~the~~ document ~~to be registered~~ includes said specific ~~data~~ character string at ~~any~~ one of a time when said document is registered, a time when said access controlling information is registered, ~~time when said access controlling information is registered,~~ and a time when the access to said document is ~~request~~ requested.